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Patent

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Application filed herewith; entitled:

Method and electronic device for selective telephone call screening

37 C.F.R. § 1.98 Information Disclosure Statement

Please find enclosed ten (10) U.S. patents relevant to the above-cited specification. The patents are:

Solomon et al	5,596,627	Jan. 21, 1997
Knuth et al	5,781,613	July 14, 1998
Leung et al	6,005,870	Dec. 21, 1999
Latter et al	6,332,021 B2	Dec. 18, 2001
Holiday, II	6,385,310 B1	May 7, 2002
Pelletier et al	6,496,569 B2	Dec. 17, 2002
Bell et al	6,549,619 B1	April 15, 2003
Latter et al	6,574,319 B2	June 3, 2003
Crockett et al	6,584,178 B2	June 24, 2003
Peng	6,553,110 B1	April 22, 2003

I. References

1. Solomon et al 5,596,627 Jan. 21, 1997

The method disclosed herein, i.e., in (single) Claim 1, involves subscribers of public telephone services being able to screen calls via station software and commands.

2. Knuth et al 5,781,613 July 14, 1998

Disclosed herein is a device for carrying out a calling party identification function of blocking and accepting calls, i.e., in Column 1, lines 23 – 44 and in Claim 1.

3. Leung et al 6,005,870 Dec. 21, 1999

This method patent involves managing telecommunication network services via access codes, i.e., in Claim 1, and Column 3, lines 29 – 57.

4. Latter et al 6,332,021 B2 Dec. 18, 2001

The method and system described herein (Claim 1) details features at a communications station capable of screening calls.

5. Holiday, II

6,385,310 B1

May 7, 2002

The call marking and screening method disclosed herein (Claim 1) refers to communications protocols at central offices and local exchange carriers both capable of handling calls.

6. Pelletier et al

6,496,569 B2

Dec. 17, 2002

The method and system for caller identification in this patent (Claim 1) involves communication stations and signal routing based on audible signals. Also, Column 2, lines 24 – 65.

7. Bell et al

6,549,619 B1

April 15, 2003

The method disclosed herein (Claim 1) involves a subscriber communicating with a intelligent network and being able to screen and process calls. Also, Column 4, lines 29 – 57.

8. Latter et al

6,574,319 B2

June 3, 2003

In Column 2, lines 24 – 60, Latter et al disclose advanced convenience features used in a caller identification system capable of canceling incoming calls.

9. Crockett et al

6,584,178 B2

June 24, 2003

The blocking method, Columns 10 & 11, lines 10 thru 9 of Claim 1 respectively, involves switching and a controlling means to prevent caller information from reaching other parties.

10. Peng

6,553,110 B1

April 22, 2003

The selective caller identification service herein, Columns 3 & 4, lines 66 – 25 respectively, involves subscribers and call blocking.

II. Conclusion

None of the above references, taken individually or in combination, disclose, suggest, or teach the novel features of the present invention. The references represent the most relevant ones found after a Class/Sub-class search, i.e., e.g., 379/67; 120; 210:03, etc.

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		US- 6,005,870	12-21-1999	Leung, et al	Claim 1; col 3, L29-57
		US- 6,332,021 B2	12-28-2001	Latter, et al	Claim 1
		US- 6,385,310 B1	05-07-2002	Holiday, II	Claim 1
		US- 6,496,569 B2	12-17-2002	Pelletier, et al	Claim 1; col 2, L24-65
		US- 6,549,619 B1	04-15-2003	Bell, et al	Claim 1; col 4, L29-57
		US- 6,574,319 B2	06-03-2003	Latter, et al	Col 2, L24-60
		US- 6,584,178 B2	06-24-2003	Crockett, et al	Claim 1, cols 10+11,
		US-			L10-9
		US- 6,553,110 B1	04-22-2003	Peng	Cols 3+4, L66-25
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